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Foreword

The Village of Paw Paw, Illinois was incorporated in June, 1982. The present village board began early in 1980 to make plans for a centennial celebration by appointing a committee to study the feasibility of such a celebration. From this initial action the Paw Paw Centennial Celebration Limited was formed as a not-for-profit corporation to organize and promote the celebration.

Paw Paw, now with a population of 846, was originally settled a few miles south and east of the village. The current site of the town was originally known as Paw Paw Grove as there were fine groves of trees that bore the small fleshy fruit called a paw paw.

Paw Paw is called the "Gateway to Western Illinois" because it is here the old Fort Dearborn to Galena Trail, known as Chicago Road, meets Angling Road. Angling Road was also a main thorough-fare south and west to Moline and Rock Island and the Mississippi River. The two roads intersect in down-town Paw Paw.

The purpose of the celebration was to promote, encourage and foster civic and patriotic activities and to recognize with joy and pride the local heritage. It was also to have a whole lot of fun. The locally managed celebration was a success due to the dedication and commitment of many of the citizens of the village and the surrounding area. These people volunteered their time, enthusiasm and financial support.

This pictorial account provides a glimpse of the many projects and activities that took place when Paw Paw opened its welcome gates to celebrate its 100th birthday.

The year is 1982.

The time is now, the present.

The subject is "Paw Paw Present".

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Paw Paw Present

Paw Paw began its second 100 years with a six day celebration from July 20 to July 25, 1982. It was a community effort.



Grace Cornell



Horseshoe Tournament, Roger Tarr



Dr. Wayne and Doris Brown, General Chairmen



Kangaroo Kourt, The Reverends Ken Foster, Tom Shelow and J. Leslie Fox



Being deputized by Judge Smith are Brad Wiley and Mark Wennmacher.



Rita and Dick Luce







◀ Ken Foster, Pioneer Day MC interviews Ervin Safranek.

▼ Antique car enthusiasts Bill and Kay Wasilewski



◀ Kangaroo Kourt, Gene Stoyan in the village jail.



Becky Moorehead and Erin ▲

◀ Local news lady, Alice Zeman

JoAnn Kidd in an authentic replica of
an 1870 dress.





Above: Carmen Jones and Patti Torman with Monkey Cee and Monkey Dew.

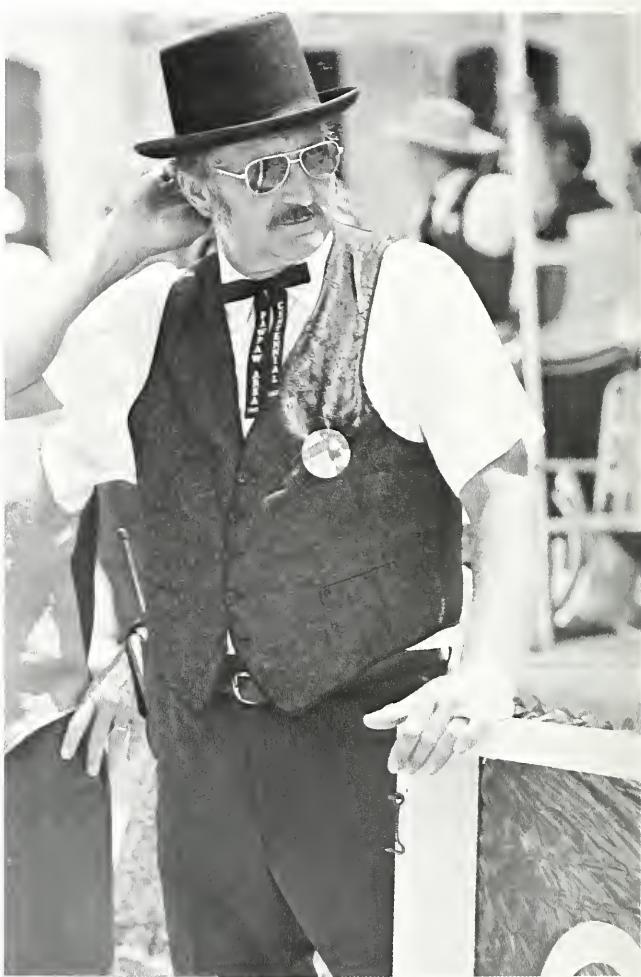
Top: Gayle and Bob Kern with their Model A Ford.

Left: Steve Grevenoord and George Litow, Pony Express Riders.

Below: Earl Kaiser, traffic controller.

Right: Fire Chief, Bob Torman

Bottom: "Come, join in the Cake Walk" Frieda Shaddick





Left: "Hands up! I want your treasures," Mike Tarr, Jonathan Robinson and Brett Thorsen.

Top: "Come to the pageant, it's a great show" says Dot Brunett.

Above: The David Lampson family in a centennial mood.

Below: Eunice Rogers and Christa Edwards

Next below: Chuck Marks

Bottom: Judy Prielipp

Right: David Robinson

Bottom right: Sky Divers





Left: Earlene and Richard Moorehead enjoy their 1928 roadster

BMX racer David Goble. Marvin Leuschke, organizer.

Below: Rita Edwards, a ticket seller

Next below: Bradley Grevengoed and gun.

Bottom: Ron Siemers in Kangaroo Kourt jail



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Above: Paw Paw's Mayor Robert Rhea received a certificate of centennial stock from George Aderton. The first stock was purchased by the village board. Below: Mark Ward, Paw Paw High School student, won the logo contest. Right: Elizabeth Merriman, Post Master, administered a commemorative stamp. Elizabeth was editor of the Centennial History Book.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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◀ Birthday Cake with 100 sparkling candles got the centennial rolling nearly one year in advance.



Top: Chet and Sarah Gaines, Centennial Headquarters Chairmen.

Above: Mary Poltsch, Pearl Prentice and George Shaddick were honored senior citizens.

Right: Kim Dewey was the store-keeper.





Full picture: The Paw Paw Community Band, directed by Suzan Schlesinger, played at the grand opening of the headquarters. (May 22, 1982)



Top left: Edith Kindelberger, Linda Avery, Donna Pfeifer, Emma Truckenbrod, Minnie Hoelzer and Luella Florschuetz displayed the six quilts and one afghan their groups donated to the centennial for money making projects.

Bottom Left: An attentive group witnessed the grand opening of the headquarters.

Bottom right: Headquarters was a place to register, make purchases, buy tickets and get information.

Insert: Hattie Johnson was also an honored guest.



Below: Judy Robinson, narrator, and Joan Mercer, chairman, of the precentennial style show selected fashions and models for the show.

Right: Tawnya Terry modeled a poor little orphan's dress from a work house of 1900. The orphan girl later became a star of Ziegfeld Follies and Metropolitan Opera fame.

Bottom: Over 350 attended the style show called "Gateway of the Belles" in the High School gym.





Left: Robin Larimore and Michelle Marks modeled dresses worn by Robin's great grandmother (from the Baxter-Schoenholz heirloom collection).

Below: Cathy Safranek, Tracy and Lindsey modeled the late 1890's clothing (Zeman - Ramer collection). Anissa Larabee, Kari Sondgeroth, and Janet Wennmacher wait their turns.



House Walk

The Sunday afternoon house walk featured the homes of the late Arthur (Squire) Wells built in 1892, the Celesta Shannon home (known as the LaPorte house); the Roger and Dorothy Moorehead home which contains many heirloom articles collected, restored and cherished by the family; and the John and Ethel McLaughlin home (the oldest historic home in the village). The walk ended with a tea at the recently remodeled and expanded home of Ervin and Agnes Safranek.

The oldest house in town owned by John and Ethel McLaughlin was opened to the public on the July 18 house walk.



At a reception the First Lady contestants were honored and the pageant ticket sales began. The committee was Judy Svendsen, Carol Hart, JoAnne Cole and Jan Siemers.

Dorothy Hopkins, a Left-Over, sells tickets to the cake walk.



Kay Kuchel demonstrates a literal cake walk.



Dorothy Wiley passifies the cake walks ticket holders with a piece of edible cake.





The Judge organized Kangaroo Kourt as the crowd gathered across from the centennial headquarters. Chuck Marks, Rodney Anderson and Judge Smith.



Neighboring mayors and local citizens were arrested and tried in Kangaroo Kourt the weeks prior to centennial. Judge Smith arrests Compton's Mayor Val Fishbach and Ron Wagner. He's assisted by jailer Mark Wennmacher and prosecuting attorney, Rodney Anderson..



Both Eric Tarr and Curt Burnett were victims of the Kangaroo Kourt. Don Schlesinger looks on helplessly.



Bill Grove pleads before the Kourt. But, alas, he too was punished.



Even the ladies were arrested. Here, Judy Priellip pleads the case for herself and her fellow defendants. An unsympathetic crowd watches.



Bart Hopkins kidnapped Mary Jo Hatley, Anita Ross and Eileen Spears before they were put in jail at the Kangaroo Kourt.



Paw Paw Mayor Rex Rhea was arrested on trumped-up charges.



The Horseshoe Inn driver, Jerald Grevengoed, drives the get-away wagon with the kidnapped gals Bruce Hopkins assists in the hold up.



Judge Smith was even arrested. Above, he pleads his case to the crowd. The crowd decided his fate.





SPECIAL EVENTS II

◀David Duncan Larson, painted the Celestial Ball wall mural.



Arts and Crafts, and Collections were exhibited in the grade school gym. Joan Mercer assisted with the Stronghold Booth.



The Belles and Beaus sponsored the Coke Palace. Betty Smith and Carol Jacobsen made many of the arrangements.

For the historical tour the Paw Paw School bus provided the transportation. Ray Schnorr assists.



Francis and Irene Fitzpatrick served as chairmen of the Historical Tour.



The beer garden was housed at the fire house. Floyd Dewey and Gene Englehart assisted.



Lee County Farm Bureau tent, and it's raining.



Duane Herren displayed and sold clocks he makes as a hobby.



Ray Politch was MC for most of the tours. Alice Zeman collaborated with the committee and wrote the script for the 25 mile tour.



Melvin Larimore, a fireman, greeted thirsty faces at the beer garden.

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In the beard contest judging line-up are David Larabee, Gary Safranek, Les Fox, Charles Zimmerman, Bob Collier, and Ron Lysland.



In the beard contest judging line-up were Floyd Dewey, Don Schlesinger, Dick Luce, Floyd Sellers, Howard Heiman, Ron Childers, Rich Eggers, Newton Schlesinger and Jon Wiley.



Wayne Brown (MC) and Jim and Eileen Spears discuss the judging at the beard contest.



The Burlington Northern Railroad provided an engine and caboose to walk through. The railroad played an important part in the history of Paw Paw.



Pictured in the beard contest line-up are Jan Prentice, Carroll Collings, Floyd Dewey, Otto Safranek, Floyd Sellers, David Larabee, Elliott Goble, David Lampson, Bill Bittner.



Tom Latimer checks out the interior of the train on display at centennial time.



Over 100 quilts were on display in the community building for a fund raising effort sponsored by the MerryGolds.



Jan Prentice was selected as having the Best Centennial Beard.

Ron Childers is consoled by Carmen following the beard judging contest.



"Paw Paw Past," the story of Paw Paw in slides was presented daily by Francis Taber.



Celestial
Ball



Simone Kern and Jay Hawbaker
dance at the Celestial Ball.



The Shannanigan's, an 18 piece orchestra, provided the music in the gala decorated high school gym for dancing and entertainment.



Dee and Darlene McLaughlin, ticket chairmen, chat with Gene Martin, a past resident.

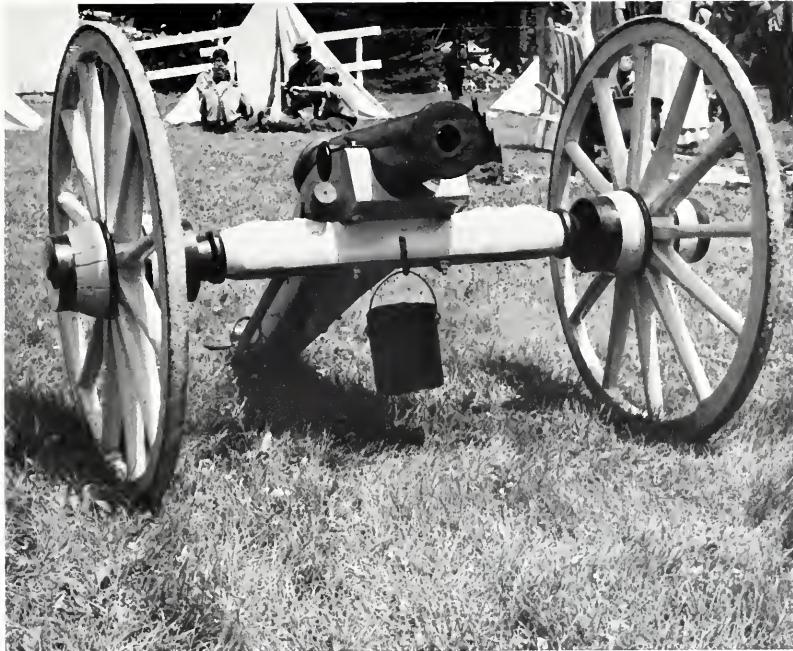


Kelli Marks, Melissa Marks Lowe, Eileen Hawbaker Englehart, Debbie Todd Larson, Ellen Wiley Hosteller, and Cheryl Gaines provided half-time entertainment.



Chuck and Kati Marks were Celestial Ball Chairmen.





SPECIAL DAYS

Pioneer Day

Representing the mayor from Somonauk was M. A. Shaw riding a 101 year old Columbia bicycle.

Right: Barb McCord and Dorothy Moorehead served soup and corn bread to the opening day crowd.

Below right: Bev Hackman heeds the call "Soup's on."

Below: A soup and cornbread picnic.





Far left: Nancy Larimore, the first Pony Express rider accepted the proclamation on the steps of the Lee County Court House in Dixon. It had come from Springfield. She then joined the other Pony Express riders at the welcome gates in Paw Paw.

Top: Children await the beginning of the open day festivities.

Above: Pearl Rhoads, Mary Lee Rosenkrans and Elmer Rhoads serve 20¢ hotdogs in keeping with old fashioned bargain days on Main Street.

Left: Ellis Gibson, Pony Express Rider approaches the speaker's platform with the official proclamation.



Pony Express rider Ellis Gibson tosses Mayor Rhea the proclamation from Springfield.



Spectators lined main street and enjoyed the centennial festivities.



Above: Paw Paw's past mayors, Harold Torman and Bill Wetzel, arrived in a '26 Chevy and gave some reflections on the growth of Paw Paw as they have seen it.

Above: Pioneer Demonstrations on Main Street included soap making by Florence Smith.

Right: Rob Greengood demonstrates horseshoeing on Jan Prentice's race horse.





▲ Mayor Robert Rhea officially opened the "Gateway to Western Illinois" by welcoming guests and introducing the visiting communities' representatives.



◀ Mayor Bob Jones, Sublette, and Mayor Ken McCraiken, Amboy, brought greetings via railroad hand car.



▲ Dee McLaughlin and Carl Englehart don the necessary tools and clean-up after the horses.

▼ The Welcome Gates were opened by Ervin Safranek and Chester Gaines.





Above: Ken Foster, Master of Ceremonies, introduces the First Lady Candidates.

Right: Caroll Jacobsen was crowned First Lady of Paw Paw by Frank Cole and Judy Svendsen.





Left: Myron Kinzler and daughter Marcy Kinzler arrived via stagecoach in a spirited manner, through the welcome gates and down Main Street.

Top: The children staged a mock hold-up and robbed the stage coach of its treasures.

Above: The stage coach lost a wheel.

Ag. Day



Max Armstrong interviewed Paw Paw's Ann Cole, Lee Co. Beef Queen.



Above: Wayne Bettner and Harold Zinke flipped pancakes at the Farmer's Breakfast.

Bottom right: The Roxbury Whistlestoppers prepared and served the farmers' breakfast. Pictured are: Joyce Bettner, Cliff Schlesinger, Colleen Zinke, and Donna Gilmore.

Left: Donna Heiman makes pancakes for the early morning farmers' breakfast.

Bottom left: The shelter house in the park provided a picnic atmosphere for the noon pork dinner.





Howard Schoenholz introduced the noon show portion of Agriculture Day.



WGN's Max Armstrong made a guest appearance and Max interviewed National Corn Growers' President, Bill Mullins, Shabbona.



The weather was unpredictable but agriculture families gathered for Ag day entertainment.

Roy Breeze won a place in Ag Day's horseshoe tournament.



The Lee County Pork Producers cooked the noon meal on Agriculture Day.





Alice Zeman, local correspondent gave the local news.



Minor Avery reported on the local weather.



Wayne Bettner, tractor pull chairman, takes part in the antique tractor division.

The tractor pull sled

Agriculture Day's tractor pull crowd





Little League ball players Troy McCord, Kirk Burnett and Don Barkman participated in the youth parade.



Marcy Kinzler helps organize the children on youth day for Games People Play for Youth.

Youth Day



Little Miss Labor Day, Tammy Barkman, led the Youth and Pet Parade.



Kathy Meyer, director of Games People Play for Youth, gave instructions. Assisting her were Betsy Collings and Sheila Kuhn.



Missy T. J. Rorah drove her pony in the pet parade.



John Jacobs instructs Jason Leuschke and Jason Jacobs at the starting line of the BMX races on Youth Day.



Debbie Spears and the family's float won first prize with the "Paw Paw Patch".



Nathaniel Wallace forms a book end on the Library Award winning float. The caption was "A Good Book is a Friend from End to End."



Nicole Larabee and Brian Kuchel ran in the three-legged race.



Pam Rogers rode her POA pony, "Little Joe".

Homecoming Day



Lucille LaPorte Plank from Ohio joined Classmate Eulalia Brees for a reunion.



Alumni and former teachers gathered in the village park. Pictured are first row Ella Mae Elgin, Geraldine Baker Stroyan, Oleva Eden Johnson. Second row: Hazel Rosenkrans Mizel, Dee Eakle, William Grove, Mary Ellen Ikeler, Hugh Richardson.



Remembering the good times are: William Wetzel, Kay Rosenkrans, Roberta Taber Wetzel and Teddi Rosenkrans Pohl.



Former students and friends came from all over the country to attend the festivities of the centennial.



Mabel Burnett Carnahan and Bertha Cornell Younkers were honored for being the oldest PPHS graduates present at Homecoming Day. William Grove made the presentation.



William Grove MC for the Alumni Awards and Presentations asked former graduates of Paw Paw High School to come to the stage. Those present were: Chester Gaines, Orion Hunter, Irvington Huff (back to camera), Dorothy Martin Weilert, Walter Berry (back to camera), Ruth Politich Griffith, Charlotte Town Ambler, Frances Martin Davis, Lois Michels Tabor, Francis Tabor, William Grove.



In addition to a band concert in the band shell by the Alumni Band, Jan Rosenkrans Eaton and her husband Michael from Florida entertained with guitar and vocal music.



Dorothy Wiley, Homecoming Day Chairman, watches with an enthusiastic audience the alumni entertainment.

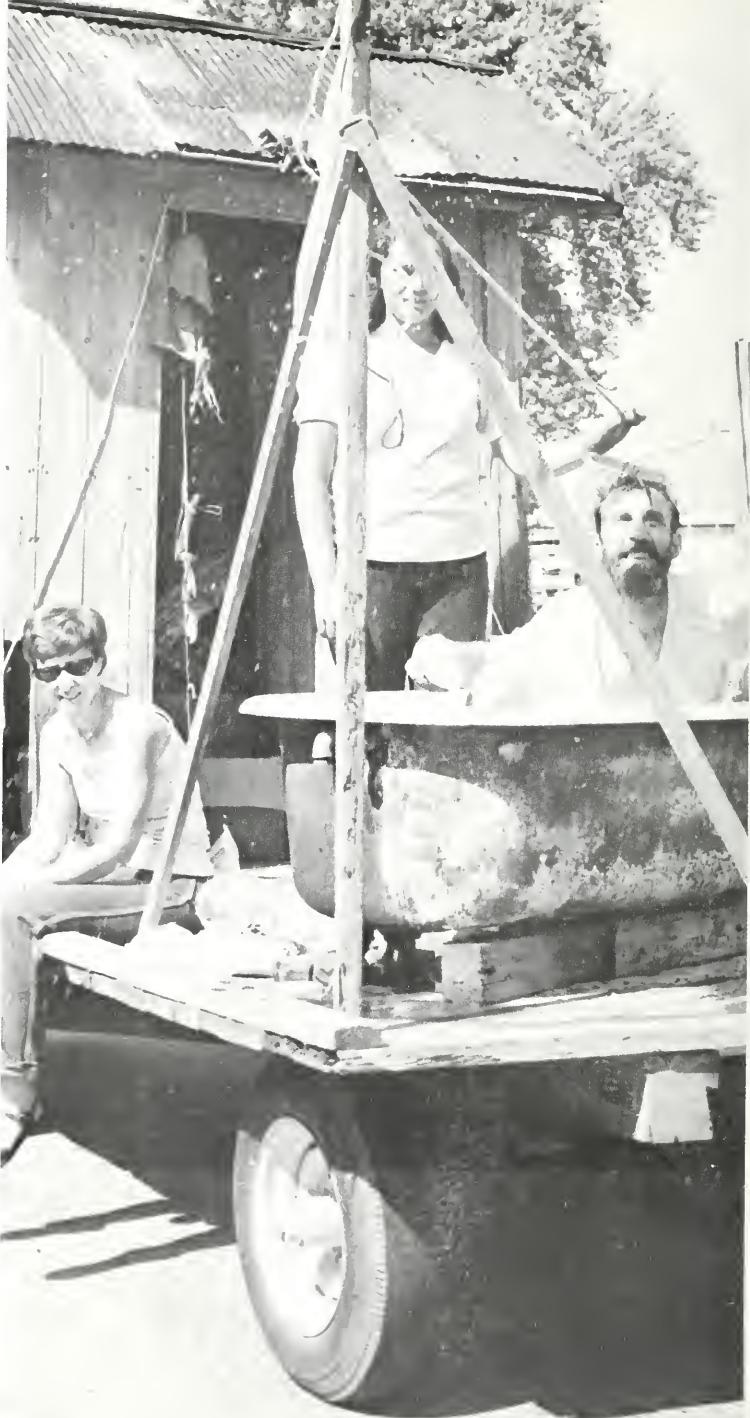
Parade Day



Englehart's John Deere won 2nd Place in the Commercial float division. Orville Englehart is seated by the plow.



Wayne and Doris Brown, general chairman of the Centennial rode in Dr. Brown's '26 Chevy.



The Paw Paw Lions Club won a prize in the non-profit division. Pictured are Judy Despain, Jessica Smith and Ed Despain.



World War I Veterans Mef Bullis and George Schweiger weathered a hot July day in a convertible driven by John Josephsen.



Carol Jacobsen, Paw Paw's First Lady for the Centennial, is driven in the parade by Gayle Willard Kern.



First Lady Contest runners-up rode in the parade. Pictured are: Jean Cooke Woods, Christa Rogers Edwards, Dorothy Jones Moorehead.



Tina Jones, Gayle Brown and Sherrie Helms ride on Safranek's Market Basket float.



Verucchi's of Spring Valley was 3rd Place Winner.



Robin Larimore and Bob Steele ride in the surrey with the fringe on top for the parade.



Becki Eich, Karen Aderton and Jan Wennmacher adorn the State Bank of Paw Paw float that featured a German band.



Kelli Marks entered a birthday cake float.



Carolyn and Jim Bond and Mrs. Illinois, Sue Combs from Rockford ride in a surrey.



Floyd Dewey drove the 1914 Overland. His passengers in the parade were Hattie Johnson, Mary Poltsch and Ruth Luce.



Thousands of balloons filled the air for a grand finale to the parade. They came by truck from the Rollo Grain Elevator.



Representing the old circuit rider and wife are Rev. J. Leslie Fox and wife, Evelyn.



Pfeifer's Garage entry "The Way We Were" was #1 in the commercial floats. Dean Pfeifer, driver. Roger Simpson, rider.



Over 5000 people lined the sidewalks and watched the 2½ hour parade.



The Grevengood family (Steve, Sheri, Neva and Jerald) went pioneer for the parade with their horse and wagon.



The Bible Church float riders were Mirian Wallace, Stephen Williams, David Hulthen, Carol Hulthen and Lisa Hulthen. "Jesus Christ the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever"



Baptist Church School float. Judy and Becki Tarr, Whitney Foster, Toni and Tara Reid, Kim Meyer, Chris and Nikki Barr, Cheri Tarr, David Goble and Hope Frederickson.



Rosina and Bill Bittner's entry said, "Paw Paw 100 years, The Bittners, 30 years."



The Rosenkranz reunion. Pictured are: Mary Lee and Harlan Rosenkranz and Stacey Wright; Carl and Edith Rosenkranz Kindelberger.

Brotherhood Day



Chester Gaines and Murl Zuber made the arrangements for the Time Capsule ceremony and burial of the vault. They secured a head stone. The vault will be opened in 2007.



Loren Rosenkranz coaches the Horseshoe Inn hall players for Sunday afternoon fun.



The Paw Paw team won the softball tournament held the Sunday afternoon of the centennial.



Representatives from all the churches in the community area took part in the church in the park. Rev. Tom Shelow gave the message.



The Community Choir lead by Ken Foster provided special music for Ecumenical Church in the Park on Brotherhood Day.



Church in the park was well attended.



Herbert Volkert and Dee McLaughlin say farewell. The Volkert family came "home" from North Carolina.





Stage builder, David Larabee

PAGEANT



Pageant audience.



The Scenario and Title Committee were Christa Edwards, Anita Cradduck, Mary Ann Hawbaker, Earlene Moorehead, Linda Englehart, and Arlene Town.



Art and Props committee workers were Marilyn Ward and Mary Jo Hatley.



Direction and Narration was handled by Carolyn Bond and Robert Mercer.



Pageant Lighting was directed by LaVern Hawbaker.



The audience awaits the pageant production.



Picture Books were being sold by Gayle Brown and Gerri Burnett.



Sherri Helm applies make-up to Raquel Luce.



Mark Bittner helped the audience reminisce about Harry Town's ice cream parlor.



Tribute to the Pioneers - Jim Archer.



Sound man Bill Pitzer



Music was provided by a Community Band.



The Community Choir provided vocal music in the section called "Homage to Religious Heritage".



Six in Song provided vocal music for the pageant. They are Debbie Larabee, Rita Luce, Lori Safranek, Lois Ross, Neva Grevengoed, Ethel Rhea, Judy Burgess at Piano.



There were square dancers.



School Days was led by Arlene Town. Her students were Amy Leuschke, Kristol Rhea, Michelle Tucker, John Kuchel and Carson Cradduck.



"Passengers who stopped over" were Gayle and Bob Kern.



Robert Mercer was narrator for the pageant. Otto Safranek, the baker.



Reminiscing at the Lee County Times were Bruce Wheeler and William Grove.

Gerry Stroyan helped tell the Paw Paw story by reading from a Lee County Times.



A patriotic scene featured Legion members Bill Latimer, Murl Zuber, William Wetzel and Richard Moorehead.



In a street scene are local citizens at the LaPorte Grocery Store. Shown are Lola Pierce, Phoebe Kaiser, Frieda Shaddick, Avery Merriman and Roberta Wetzel.



World War I Veterans Mel Bullis and George Schweiger participated in the scene "Gratitude to its Soldiers".







Jacks and Queens of Diamonds

BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH CENTENNIAL BELLES



Pioneer Skirts & Bloomer Girls



The Mystery Belles

First row: Debbie Dewey, Jan Wennmacher, Kim Dewey, Melanie Anderson.

Second row: Carol Hoelzer, Dede Prentice, Colene Stemen, Susan Pohl.



The Teen Belles

Front row: Leah Robinson, Kathy Lysland, Kelly Dewey.

Second row: Rhonda Heiman, Sandy Rhoads, Kim Rhea, Jennifer Bond.



Slimline Belles

Front row: Hazel McCord, Viola Greskiewicz, Ada E. Simpson, Loeta Marks.

Second row: Linda Avery, Pearl McLaughlin, Jacqueline Hanson, Shirley Suddeh.

Third Row: Doris Yenerich, Rita M. Edwards, Beulah Etzbach.



The Incredible Ten

Front row: Anita Hopkins, Cathy Safranek, Eileen Spears.

Second row: LuAnn Beck, Margaret Burnham, Nora Beck, Dawn Ross.

Third row: Tina Jones, Christi Ross, Becki Moorehead.



The Left-Overs

Front row: Gwen Ketchum, Sheila Foster, Patricia Zuber, Frieda Shaddick.

Second row: Dorothy Wiley, Kay Kuchel, Ev Fox, Dorothy Hopkins.



Belles and Beaus

Front row: Stan Hart, Carol Hart, Joan Buffington, Jon Buffington.

Second row: Jim Jacobsen, Carol Jacobsen, Celesta Shannon, Christa Edwards, Curtis Edwards.



Jacks of Diamonds and the Queens of Diamonds

On the Ground: Simone Kern

Front row: Eloise Tarr, Gerri Stroyan, Lucille Breeze, Verdell Wheeler, Hazel Grove, Ardith Politsch, Sarah Gaines.

Second row: Marion Hunter, Orion Hunter, Roger Tarr, Ray Stroyan, Bruce Wheeler, William Grove, Elmer Politsch, Chester Gaines, Hugh Richardson, Joan Richardson.



Bonnie Belles and Mule Skinners

Front row: Terry Razvi, Mary Razvi.

Second row: Terry Ambler, Sue Ambler, Otto Safranek, June Safranek, Amber Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kathy Meyer, Jerry Meyer.



Middle Age Crazies and Easy Riders

Front row: Rita Luce, Dean Pfeifer, Helen Pfeifer, Marilyn Ward, Kay Kuchel, Jan Siemers, Ron Siemers.

Second row: Richard Luce, Suzan L. Schlesinger, Don Schlesinger, Rodney R. Prielipp, Judy Prielipp, Ken Kaiser, Dixie Dewey, Floyd Dewey, Betty Kaiser, Marvin Leuschke, Deana Leuschke.



Mini Belles and Brothers

Front row: Scott McCord, Judy Tarr

Second row: Kirk Burnett, Don Barkman, Chantel Cradduck, Troy McCord, Richard Slamans, Troy Buffington, Cheryl Znaniecki.



The Jalopies

Richard Moorehead, Wayne Brown, Bob Kern, Bill Wasilewski.



Golden Belles and Boys

Front row: Orville Englehart, Dora Englehart, Grace Cornell, Thelma R. Schert, Phoebe Kaiser, Lulu Merriman.

Second row: Bill Wetzel, Roberta Wetzel, Maxine Oftedal, Helen Walters, Earl Kaiser.

Last row: Ruth Eden, Maxine Wiley, Avery Merriman, Andy Oftedal, Gus Walters.



Prairie Skirts and Bloomer Girls

Front row: Dot Brunett, Carmen Childers, Gayle Kern, Pat Torman.

Second row: Bobbi Politsch, Jan Aderton, Joan Mercer, Gerri Burnett, Kati Marks, Jan Torman, Doris Brown.



Wisconsin Wheelers and Dealers

Front row: George P. Aderton, Robert J. Rhea, Jr.

Second row: Delbert R. McCord, Charles F. Marks, Curtis C. Burnett.

Last row: George R. Brunett, Ronald E. Childers.



Roxbury Whistlestopper Belles and Brushes

Front row: Joyce Bettner, Wayne Bettner, June Adel Schlesinger, Cliff Schlesinger, Donna Gilmore, Ed Gilmore.
Second row: Stanley Hoelzer, Marilyn Hoelzer, Chalden Challand, Donna Challand, Howard Heiman, Donna Heiman, Collen Zinke, Harold Zinke.



The Bad News Brothers

Front row: Brian Pfeifer, Dennis V. Hart, Bart Hopkins.

Second row: Brad Wiley, Ron Siemers, Norman Rogers.



Paw Paw Fire Department,
Hose Benders, Company A

First row:

Murd Zuber, Roger Tarr, Jay Hawbaker, Wes Terry, Earl Kaiser, Dave Larabee, Elliott Goble, Charles Marks, Don Schlesinger, Delbert McCord.

Second row:

Tom Meyer, Gene Englehart, Dean Pfeifer, Jim Spears, Don Pierce, Floyd Dewey, Charles Hammond, Bob Torman, Minor Avery, Gary Donavan.



Pony Express Riders and Belles

Paul Helgren, Mike Malnic, Cindy Malnic, Janet Combs, Ralph Combs, Lisa Boysen, Pat Combs, Steve Grevengoed, George Litow, Ed Quinn, Robin Larimore, Bob Steele, Nancy Larimore, Safety Car drivers John and Sue Ploplis, LeAnn Whitlock, Ellis Gibson, Ed Abbott, Marion Abbott, Margaret Gibson, Peg Nelson, Rick Nelson, Ila Mae Nelson, Rob Swartz, Nancy Gibson, Alvin Gibson, Mare Brown, Jim Brown.



PEOPLE INVOLVED

Centennial Committees

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Assistant Treasurer	Donald Schlesinger
Incorporators	Minor Avery, Connie Avery, Don Schlesinger, Doris Brown, Duane Herren, David Robinson, Wayne Brown





SPECIAL EVENTS

Gary Safranek and Lori Safranek

Exhibits - Arts and Crafts and Collections

Freda Schlesinger
Newton Schlesinger
Chuck Hammond
Eunice Rogers

"Paw Paw Past" a Slide Presentation

Francis Taber
Lois Taber
Darrell Smith
Carl Kindelberger

Historical Tours

Francis Fitzpatrick
Irene Fitzpatrick
Elliott Goble
Betty Goble
Ray Politsch
Bill Woods
Jean Woods
Art Shaddick
Thelma Shaddick
Stanley Rosenkrans
Bill Atherton
Peg Atherton
Wes Terry
Eva Terry
Alice Zeman
George Zeman
Tom Shelow
Barb McCord
Ray Schnorr
Gladys Schnorr
Linda Herren
Dick Moorehead
Alan Zeman
David Goble

Style Show
Joan Mercer
Jan Torman
Rita Lilja
Charlotte Ambler
Dot Burnett
Gayle Kern
Doris Latimer
John Nicholson
Judy Robinson

Housewalk

Simone Kern
Jay Hawbaker
Celeste and Mike Shannon
Ethel and John McLaughlin
Dorothy and Roger Moorehead
Aggie and Ervin Safranek
Rita Wells Chestnut and
Daughters

Celestial Ball

Charles Marks
Kati Marks
Bill Town
Arlene Town
Melissa Lowe
Hal Lowe
Kelli Marks
David Larson
Darlene McLaughlin
Dee McLaughlin

Street Dance

Gary Safranek
Lori Safranek

Coke Palace
Carol Jacobson
Jim Jacobson
Darrell Smith
Betty Smith
Stan Hart
Carol Hart
Marv Leuschke
Deanna Leuschke
Jon Buffington
Joan Buffington

Beer Garden

Bob Torman
Charles Marks
Delbert McCord
Bill Wasilewski
Dave Larahee
The Firemen and Wives

Quilt Show

Mary Larson
Phoebe Kaiser
Ella Bittner
Gladys Rosenkrans

Railroad Display

Tom Paradis
Darrel Smith
Scott McLaughlin

SPECIAL DAYS

Dorothy Hopkins, Chairman

Pioneer Day (Tuesday)

Dee McLaughlin
Darlene McLaughlin
Mary Larson
Cecil Larson
Phoebe Kaiser
Ella Bittner
Gladys Rosenkrans
Alan Hoelzer
Ellis Gibson
Margaret Gibson
Shelly Safranek
Mary Lee Rosenkrans
Harlan Rosenkrans
Library Board
Myron Kinzler
Robert Rhea, Jr.
Ken Foster
Dorothy Moorehead
Edith Kindelberger
Ervin Safranek

Agriculture Day

(Wednesday)
Howard Heiman
Donna Heiman
Clifford Schlesinger
June Adel Schlesinger
Wayne Bettner
Joyce Bettner
Howard Schoenholz
Bernice Schoenholz
Stanley Hoelzer
Marilyn Hoelzer
Dale Breeze
William Bittner
Doug Schnorr and FFA
Ed Gilmore
Donna Gilmore
Chaldon Challand
Donna Challand
Harold Zinke
Colleen Zinke

Young America Day

(Thursday)
Bart Hopkins
Kim Dewey
Kathy Meyer
Jerry Meyer
John Jacobs
Jacque Jacobs
Marvin Leuschke

Homecoming Day

(Friday)
Dorothy Wiley
Rita Luce
Amber Prentice
Helen Pfeifer
Lois Ross
William Grove

Parade & Celestial Ball Day (Saturday)

Roger Tarr
Lloyd Politisch
Chuck Marks
Kati Marks

Brotherhood Day (Sunday)

Les Fox
Ken Foster
Walter Baker
Tom Shelow
Jerry Meyer
Kathy Meyer
Gary Safranek
Chet Gaines
Charles Kuhn
Murl Zuber

REVENUE DIVISION

Don Schlesinger

Minor Avery

Curtis Burnett

Gerri Burnett

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Ardith Politsch
William Woods
Richard Moorehead
Jim Bond
Stanley Hoelzer
William Grove
Chester Gaines
Loeta Marks
Wayne Bettner
Stanley Rosenkrans
Terry Ambler
Rich Eggers
Nancy Eggers
Frieda Shaddick
Frank Cole
Ervin Safranek
Elliott Goble
Edgar Florschuetz

History Book

Elizabeth Merriman
Eulalia Breese
Vernon Merriman
Frieda Shaddick
Sue Ambler
Chuck Hammond
Lola Pierce
Donna Heiman
Archie Merriman
Connie Avery
Scott McLaughlin
Henry Faber
Mildred Rosenkrans
Alice Zeman

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Gayle Kern
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Roberta Politsch
Jean Mercer
Kati Marks
Jan Terman
Jan Aderton

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Extension Unit

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Ken Kaiser
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Girl Scouts
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Murl Zuber
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Sky Divers

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Chester Gaines

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Connie Hammond

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Kangaroo Kourt

Darrell Smith
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Charles Marks
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Kim Dewey

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Arlene Town, Assistant

Robert Mercer, narrator

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Judy Burgess, Pianist

Six in Song

Community Band

Community Choir

Darrell Smith

Scenario

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Arlene Town

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Christa Edwards

Mary Ann Hawbaker

Anita Cradduck

Geraldine Stroyan

Darlene McLaughlin

Jan Aderton

Don Schoenholz

Cindy Knapp

Bruce Wheeler

Charles Hammond

Sound

Ken Kaiser

Pittsley Sound

Makeup

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Chairman

Debra Spears

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Sherrie Helms

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Kris Eggers
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Monita DeClerk
Eloise Tarr
Lori Miller
Dan Ward
Mark Ward

Cast

Kay Kuchel

Costumes

Dorothy Moorehead,
Chairman
Charlotte Lampson
Mary Bettner
Sharon Paradis
Elaine Slamans

Pageant Cast

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Jessica Smith
Robin Ritchie
Mary Smith
Ron Childers
Jeff Jacobsen
Ken Meyer
Arlene Town
Michelle Tucker
Kristel Rhea
John Kuchel
Carson Cradduck
Steve Herren

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Pittsley Lighting

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Paul Rauschenberger
Wes Terry
Charles Hammond
Dick Moorehead
Keith Collins
Roger Moorehead
Ron Schoenholz
Howard Rogers
Roger Tarr
Croft Products of Aurora

Stage Hands

Murl and Louise Zuber,
Chairman
Ray Hawbaker
Dennis Cradduck
David Larabee
Tony Tarr
Randall Grinka

Pageant Cast, contd.

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Roy Breese
Clyde Jones
Kristie Ross
Coletta McCadden
Roger Moorehead
Stanley Rosenkrans
Rex Rhea
Jennifer Bond
Jim Bond
Kery Kuchel
Tanya Spears
Chris Hopkins

Pageant Cast, contd.

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Dan Kaiser
David Lilya
Bob Kern
Carl Kindelberger
Ethel McLaughlin
Daryl Rosenkrans
Loren Rosenkrans
Mark Rhoads
Mark Bittner
April Ritchie
Otto Safranek

Pageant Cast, contd.

Jason Leuschke
Amy Leuscake
Duane Herren
Jackie Hanson
Leah Robinson
Ron Siemers
Grevingoed Families
Randall Town
Lindsay Porter
Brian Kuchel
Amber Florscheutz
Whitney Foster
Nick Safranek
Chris Safranek
Geoff Bond
David Goble
Rick Siemers
Tom Breese
Mike Rauschenberger
Six in Song
Dee McLaughlin
Darlene McLaughlin
Helen Pfeifer
Jenny Pfeifer
Aaron Robinson
Jonathon Robinson
Elaine Slamas
Phoebe Kaiser
Linda Avery
Roberta Wetzel
Earl Kaiser
Lola Pierce
Avery Merriman
Carol Jacobsen
Dorothy Wiley
Kris Eggers

Pageant Cast, contd.

Judi Tarr
Becki Tarr
Cherri Tarr
Mike Tarr
Connie Hammond
Jean Mercer
Thelma Schert
Dixie Dewey
Lulu Merriman
Lois Taber
Louise Zuber
Claudette Tarr
Doris Brown
Wayne Brown
Dee McLaughlin
Avery Merriman
Earl Kaiser
Rita Edwards
Les Fox
Bill Grove
Geraldine Stroyan
Bruce Wheeler
Randy Jacobsen
Randy Luce
Ron Luce
Slade Browder
Conrad Smith

Pageant Cast, contd.

Linda Herren
Bill Woods
Jean Woods
Ed Gilmore
Donna Gilmore
Howard Heiman
Betty Smith
Dona Archer
Tiffany Archer
Donna Heiman
Stanley Hoelzer
Marilyn Hoelzer
Cliff Schlesinger
June Adel Schlesinger
Wayne Bettner
Joyce Bettner
Chal Challand
Donna Challand
Harold Zinke
Colleen Zinke
Laura Herren
Kim Rhea
Kari Rhea
Nancy Eggars
Susie Eggers
Tony Eggers
Justin Eggers
Jason Eggers
Paw Paw Firemen
Bill Wetzel
Bill Latimer
Murl Zuber
Dick Moorehead
Mefflin Bullis
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